

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 572

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate the Deranged Iguanas of Page Middle School upon winning the Destination ImagiNation State Competition in DIsigning Bridges.

WHEREAS, it is an honor for the members of this General Assembly to specially recognize those students who, through their exceptional academic and creative endeavors, serve as a great source of pride for this State; and

WHEREAS, the Deranged Iguanas of Page Middle School in Williamson County, are one such group of remarkable students who recently won First Place in the Destination ImagiNation State Competition in DIsigning Bridges; and

WHEREAS, with thousands of students competing annually, Destination ImagiNation is the world's largest creativity and problem-solving competition for students from around the world; and

WHEREAS, competing in the DIsigning Bridges challenge, the Deranged Iguanas were required to construct a weight-bearing bridge, weighing no more than 150 grams, out of wood, glue, and fishing line; and

WHEREAS, modeling their bridge after the Imperial Palace Bridge in Tokyo, Japan, the Deranged Iguanas' bridge withheld eighty pounds of pressure and spanned thirty-six inches; and

WHEREAS, by winning the Destination ImagiNation State Championship, the Deranged Iguanas of Page Middle School now have the opportunity to compete in the Destination ImagiNation Global Finals on May 23-28, 2005, at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding team is comprised of six estimable Page Middle School students, including Joseph Pete Bartlett, Robert Black, Max Connor, Hunter Custer, Joe Rizzo, and Locke Springer; and

WHEREAS, the exceptional hard work and dedication that these young people have exhibited is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate the Deranged Iguanas of Page Middle School upon winning the DIsigning Bridges challenge at the Destination ImagiNation State Competition, and we wish them the best of luck in the upcoming Global Competition and in all of their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.